

22 December 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

VIA:

[redacted]  
Acting Director, Program Assessment Office

FROM:

[redacted]  
Program Assessment Office

SUBJECT: RMS Energy Study and NFAC

REFERENCE: My Memo of 13 Dec 78, Subject: "DCI Response  
to Secretary Schlesinger's Letter"

1. As you will have heard from [redacted] called me on Friday, 15 December, to report that Dr. Bowie had agreed to incorporate the following paragraph in the draft of the letter to be sent by the DCI to Secretary Schlesinger on Energy Intelligence:

"Finally, when the Resource Management Staff completes its study of Community resources being devoted to Energy Intelligence activities early in 1979, we can discuss the issues involved further."

2. I called [redacted] today to ask if the letter had actually been sent to Schlesinger and whether NFAC was now prepared to provide us the data requested by [redacted] for the Energy Study. [redacted] replied that the letter was awaiting the DCI's signature and that once it had been signed and sent, RMS would receive an info copy. NFAC would probably be willing to send us the data requested, "within certain limits" providing that you requested it in writing from Bowie. [redacted] added that NFAC was presently reviewing the materials which it had assembled in answer to [redacted] initial data call and that it might be best for us to defer our official request to Bowie pending that review, which should be completed within a few days. [redacted] will get in touch with me immediately after the Christmas holidays to let me know how things stand. He added that Bowie had been disaffected by the original circular letter which had been sent to a host of recipients; that if we were to send a personal and specific request for data which he, Bowie, would deem "appropriate" to release to us, he believed Bowie would acquiesce. I told [redacted] that I saw no difficulty in our sending another letter from you to Bowie, but that he would have to leave to our good judgment the manner in which it would be drafted.

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3. You may recall that the initial data call drafted by [ ] was sent over your signature to more than 30 addressees; among them were the "Director, National Foreign Assessment Center" and "Chairman, Economic Intelligence Committee". It is apparent from both the "Bowie Letter" and my conversation with [ ] that Bowie's non-cooperative attitude is based on wounded sensibilities as well as on a real conviction that we were exceeding our charter and about to engage on a project for which we had neither the qualifications nor a mandate.

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[ ] and I are all agreed that it's pointless to waste further time and to embark upon jurisdictional squabbles on such a relatively simple matter. [ ] understands, and has apparently told Bowie, that our study will not address the quality of energy intelligence analysis. I have also assured [ ] that I would wish to discuss informally with Maurice Ernst and his people my tentative findings before writing a final report, and I would welcome their comments and suggestions.

4. I propose that after I have talked with [ ] again, I draft a brief letter for your signature to Bowie, stating most succinctly the purpose of our study and requesting NFAC input and assistance. This should have the affect of saving face for Bowie and will cost us little.

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